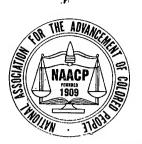
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February 14, 1980

Agent In Charge
Richmond Office - FBI
200 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia 23220

Re: Alleged KKK Activities in Hopewell, Virginia
Dear Sir:

On Monday morning, February 11, 1980 this office
received a complaint from the family of
concerning a cross burning, men in KKK clothing
and shouts of racial slurs directed toward the Black
residents of the in Hopewell,
Virginia.

The Virginia State Conference NAACP request that your office investigate this matter to ascertain, if any Federal or State Laws have been violated.

The names and addresses of potential witnesses are as follows:

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We have beer cans and bottles found in the area of the incident that may reveal some finger prints: This was left at a location in Hopewell. All concerns were very reluctant to give this potential evidence to Hopewell Police Department.

Feel free to contact this office, if we can be of additional help.

Sincerely,

Tack W. Gravely Executive Secretary

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CC:

Justice Department Washington, D. C.

Hopewell Police Department

General Counsel NAACP

Attorney General State of Virginia



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Post Office Box 12325 Richmond, Virginia 23241 February 21, 1980

Mr. Jack W. Gravely Vold rule. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 112 East Clay Street Suite 208-9 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Gravely:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February. 14, 1980.

The facts concerning the alleged cross burning at Hopewell, Virginia on February 10, 1980 are being gathered by this agency. Upon completion of our inquiry, a report of the facts will be sent to FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., for transmittal to the Department of Justice for a determination concerning possible violations of federal law.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. JEAN GRAY

Special Agent in Charge

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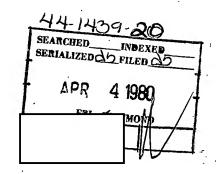
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Jack W. Gravely - Complainant Summary Punishment CIVIL RIGHTS

Attached are copies of correspondence from Jack W. Gravely, Virginia State Conference NAACP, concerning a cross burning and racial slurs directed against Black residents in Hopewell, Virginia.

These allegations indicate a possible violation of 42 U.S.C. §3631. Accordingly, please conduct a preliminary investigation.



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Subsequent to the inception of the investigation in this matter by the Richmond Office of the FBI, the below-listed persons directed letters to the FBI, Richmond, Virginia, requesting an investigation:

Mr. Jack W. Gravely, Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 112 East Clay Street, Suite 208-9, Richmond, Virginia 23219;	